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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on March 21, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): in the previous version of claims 28 and 29 part b line 2 filed on August 26, 1996 the word "over" was expressly deleted by bracketing the word, however in the current version of these claims this word has reappeared (claims 28 and 29 part b line 1) but without underlining, thereby causing confusion as to whether this reappearance was intentional or a typographical error. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

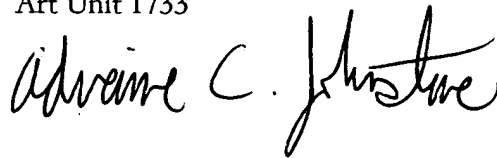
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adrienne C. Johnstone whose telephone number is (571)272-1218. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30AM-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571)272-1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrienne C. Johnstone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

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